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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): KOYANAGI, Yoshihiro

For: EVACUABLE VALVE, EVACUABLE BAG, AND PRODUCTION  
PROCESS THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Seventeen (17) pages
- ☒ Seven (7) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

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- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-378780 filed in JAPAN on December 27, 2002.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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